

Old Road to Bloomfield
Newark, New Jersey 07104
October 16, 1972

The Editor
THE STAR-LEDGER
Star-Ledger Plaza
Newark, New Jersey 07101

Minority is a term that is being very loosely used these days. We have become accustomed to hearing of the Puerto Rican minority, the Jewish minority, the black minority, the Catholic minority, the Italian minority, even though we vaguely regret that, in this democracy, such identifications persist. The melting pot, celebrated in Jacob Riis's book, "The Making of an American," has not yet done a very good job.

Come now the "white ethnic minority", announced and described by Mr. Stephen Adubato, urban affairs specialist and director of the North Ward Educational and Cultural Center, an organization serving the particular needs of this newly designated minority. What its needs are, or what this minority lacks in opportunity to participate in our free society, is not yet made clear.

Given this state of minorities, the time has come to ask whether anyone is left, who, regardless of his ancestry, color, national origin, or religion, prefers to be just an American, and, in public matters, to owe allegiance to no group smaller than all other Americans, and to no flag other than the Stars and Stripes. If there are still such people, then they constitute the only true minority. Collectively, the other "minorities" certainly outnumber them.

Very truly yours,

D. J. Henderson